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Sent via email to: showideas@joefromthecarolinas.com

Dr. Joseph Paciarelli
PO BOX 16781
Greenville, SC 29606

Dear Dr. Paciarelli:

This is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/Privacy Act (PA) request dated May 5, 2019. Your request was received in our office on the same day and assigned case number DON-NAVY-2019-006526.

In the course of processing your FOIA request this office contacted the Deputy CNO for Information Warfare / Director of Naval Intelligence (N2/N6) and the Chief Information Officer (CHINFO) to conduct a search for responsive records. Accordingly, those offices searched their databases for records relating to "...am seeking existing documents, videos, as well as email records and internal communications occurring from 10/01/2017 through present concerning and referring to "unidentified aircraft" as well as "highly advanced aircraft" reporting guidelines ...". Those offices have determined that records responsive to your request are exempt from disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) (1) as the information requested is currently and property classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526, Section 1.4 (a) as the information pertains to information involving military plans, weapons systems, or operations. While portions of the responsive documents are not exempt, these portions are an essentially meaningless set of words and phrases and not reasonably segregable from the exempt information. Therefore, the responsive documents are withheld in their entirety.

Because your request is partially denied, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination by writing to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General
1322 Patterson Ave SE Ste 3000
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Your appeal must be postmarked within ninety calendar days from the date of this letter. A copy of your initial request and this letter must accompany the appeal. The appeal should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL" both on the envelope and the face of the letter. In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this decision to be in error.

In this instance, the fees associated with the processing of your request are waived, but this action is not indicative of how future requests will be handled.

For this determination, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from either the DoD Navy Component FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Chris Julka, at: Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, via phone: (703) 697-0031; or by

contacting the Office of Government Information Services
at: (<https://ogis.archives.gov/>), (202) 741-5770, ogis@nara.gov.

Questions regarding the action this office has taken to process your
request may be directed to our FOIA Service Center at (202) 685-0412 or via
email at donfoia-pa@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Cason', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

G. Cason
By direction
Deputy Director,
DON FOIA/PA Program Office